

## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

July 1, 2022

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from

June 24, 2022 to June 30, 2022. Readers are reminded that an "arrest" is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court's website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS IS NOT MEANT TO BE A LISTING OF EVERY INCIDENT OR CALL HANDLED BY THE Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information at Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov)

On July 1, 2021, citizens will be able to access Community Policing data via <a href="https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h">https://data.virginia.gov/stories/s/rden-cz3h</a>. The Vienna Police Department had started complying with this state law in July of 2020. The portal will contain all non-consensual investigatory stops made by the Vienna Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth.

#### **Car Thefts and Tamperings**

The National Capital Area and specifically the Northern Virginia area, has seen increased vehicle tampering incidents and vehicle thefts. In some incidents, suspects entered homes through unlocked doors and open garage doors to steal property and keys to vehicles. The suspects then used the vehicle keys to gain entry into vehicles and use them to get away. The Vienna Police Department would like to remind our community members to please stay vigilant, close, and lock all doors of residences and garages to prevent criminals from targeting your property.

If you see suspicious activity or persons, we ask that you notify the police department at 703-255-6366 or, in case of an emergency 9-1-1.

## **INCIDENTS**

Grand Larceny 22-006565 400 Block Glyndon Street, SE June 1 6:00 p.m.

A resident reported that checks were stolen from his checkbook. One of the checks was forged and passed.

#### Fraud 22-006528

Periodontics and Implant Center of Northern Virginia 243 Church Street, NW, 200A

Between June 16 at 6:00 p.m. and June 27 at 12:31 p.m.

An employee reported that they mailed a refund check from the business to a customer. The check was stolen, forged for a much larger amount, and cashed by an unknown person.

Petit Larceny 22-006414 Vienna Rexall 150 Maple Avenue, West June 24 between 8:55 a.m. and 9:05 a.m.

An employee reported that a man attempted to steal a donation box. An employee confronted the man and he left the store without taking anything. Officers located the man in the area of Center Street and Locust Street. The employees did not wish to pursue charges for the larceny but requested that the officers trespass the man. The officers advised the man that he would be charged with trespass if he returned to the store.

## Arrest – Warrant Service 22-006429 7-11

545 Maple Avenue, West June 24 6:23 p.m.

MPO Reedy observed the occupants of a vehicle acting suspiciously in the parking lot. As the vehicle began to leave, the officer observed that the driver matched the description of a man who had active warrants in Prince William County. The officer initiated a traffic stop and confirmed that there were warrants for the driver.

MPO Reedy arrested the 29-year-old man from Minnieville Road in Woodbridge, Virginia. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrants charging Domestic Assault and Hit and Run were served on him.

## Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 22-006433 900 Block Park Street, SE June 24 8:40 p.m.

An officer observed a driver commit traffic offenses before he pulled into a private driveway in an attempt to evade the officer. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment.

Ofc. Reed arrested the 27-year-old man from Seminary Road in Alexandria, Virginia. After the man provided a sample of his breath for analysis, he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

### Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 22-006442 400 Block Maple Avenue, East June 25 12:26 a.m.

An officer observed a driver commit a traffic offense and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, she detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

After the driver provided a sample of his breath for analysis, Sgt. Ruddy transported the 23-year-old man from Boyd Pointe Way in Vienna to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Petit Larceny 22-006534 Dollar Tree 215 Maple Avenue, West June 25 between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

On June 27, a resident reported that her son's scooter was stolen on June 25 while he was inside the store.

Domestic Dispute 22-006465 Upham Place, NW June 25 5:30 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a dispute between the resident and her adult son.

Assault 22-006464 Roberto's Ristorante Italiano 144 Church Street, NW June 25 5:33 p.m.

An employee reported that a man came into the restaurant acting suspiciously. The man went into the restroom, and after several minutes, the employee advised the man to exit the restroom. The man shoved the employee as he came out and left the restaurant. Officers located the man near Rita's Italian Ice. The employee did not wish to pursue charges but requested that the man be trespassed. The officers advised the man that he would be charged with trespass if he returned to the restaurant.

Death - Unknown Cause 22-006656 600 Block Frederick Street, SW

Between June 27 at 10:00 a.m. and June 29 at 11:39 a.m.

A landlord found one of his tenants deceased in her bedroom. The landlord reported that the tenant's health had been declining recently. There were no immediate signs of foul play. However, this case remains under investigation.

Civil Dispute 22-006539 1200 Block Kelley Street, SW June 27 7:20 p.m.

A resident reported a dispute he is having with his roommate over money he is owed.

Natural Death 22-006596 500 Block Malcolm Road, NW June 28 between 6:19 p.m. and 7:29 p.m.

A citizen was checking on his elderly parents and found his father deceased in the home.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation 22-006600 Sarah Walker Mercer Park 247 Nutley Street, NW June 28 7:39 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of men smoking marijuana in the park. The officers located the men and found they were in possession of the drug. One of the men refused to cooperate with the officers and provided false information.

MPO Smith issued a summons to a 20-year-old man from Glengyle Drive in Vienna charging Underage Possession of Marijuana and released him on his signature. The officer arrested a 19-year-old man from Glengyle Drive in Vienna. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with Obstruction of Justice, Providing False Identification to a Law Enforcement Officer, Possession of Marijuana With Intent To Distribute, and Consuming Marijuana in Public.

## Assist EMS 22-006666 900 Block Circle Drive, SE June 29 6:53 p.m.

Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a medical emergency. The resident invited a neighbor to his home for dinner. The neighbor advised that he called 911 when the resident complained that he was not feeling well and appeared to be in medical distress. When rescue personnel arrived they found the resident was unconscious and they began resuscitation efforts. The resident was transported to an area hospital where medical personnel were unable to revive him.

Suspicious Person 22-006668 100 Block Pleasant Street, NW June 29 8:38 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of an intoxicated man in the parking lot. Upon the officers' interaction with the man, they determined that he was severely intoxicated and requested rescue personnel respond to assist. The man was transported to an area hospital in non-life-threatening condition.

Vehicle Tampering 22-006679 Westwood Country Club 800 Maple Avenue, East June 30 5:05 a.m.

A citizen reported that she was sitting in her vehicle in the lower parking lot of the country club waiting for her son when she heard a noise and found that three men were tampering with her vehicle. The citizen began sounding the vehicle horn and the men immediately got into their vehicle and fled the parking lot. Officers searched the area but did not locate the men.

Found Property 22-006684 Vienna Community Center 120 Cherry Street, SE June 30 7:57 a.m.

A citizen found an abandoned children's backpack on the curb near Park Street and the W&OD Bike Trail.

Police Service 22-006698 600 Block John Marshall Drive, NE June 30 10:55 a.m.

A resident turned in ammunition for destruction.

## Missing Adult 22-006716 100 Block Elm Street, SW June 30 7:13 p.m.

A resident reported concern for their adult son who suffers from some medical issues and had left their home. An officer located the son on Center Street. He returned home a short time later.

## CASE UPDATES

Robbery 22-003337 300 Block Cabin Road, SE April 9 2:40 p.m.

(April 15, 2022 Vienna Police Highlights)

Please see the attached Vienna Police Media Release regarding the arrest of two men involved in this incident.

## **CRASHES**

200 Lawyers Road, NW 22-006022

June 16 2:50 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling through the Post Office parking lot when Vehicle-1 backed into it causing minor damage. Driver-1 left the parking lot without providing their information. An officer later located the striking vehicle and exchanged the drivers' information.

## 100 Block Elm Street, SW 22-006425 June 24 1:51 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was parked on Elm Street, SW. Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound when its side view mirror struck Vehicle-2.

## Maple Avenue near Lawyers Road, NW 22-006437 June 24 9:51 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was in the left westbound travel lane of Maple Avenue. Vehicle-1 was in the left turn lane, attempting to turn onto Courthouse Road when it sideswiped Vehicle-2.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

## Maple Avenue, East and Center Street, South 22-6449 June 25 9:00 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue, turning left with a yellow light onto southbound Center Street. Vehicle-2 was stopped for a red traffic light at Center Street, South, turning left onto westbound Maple Avenue. As the light turned green, Vehicle-2 entered the intersection and was struck by Vehicle-1.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

## Maple Avenue and Glyndon Street, SE 22-006518 June 27 10:05 a.m.

Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-2 attempted to change lanes from the right lane to the left lane and slowed to turn left into a parking lot at 256 Maple Avene. Vehicle-1 ran into the rear of Vehicle-2. A passenger in Vehicle-2 was transported by rescue personnel with non-life-threatening injuries.

## 300 Block Dominion Road, NE 22-006629 June 29 9:10 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was attempting to back into a parking space on Dominion Road. Vehicle-2 was stopped behind Vehicle-1, waiting for them to park their vehicle. Vehicle-1 backed into Vehicle-2, then continued to back up into Vehicle-3, a legally parked vehicle.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

## 500 Block Park Street, SE 22-006661 June 29 1:15 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was traveling southbound on Park Street, struck a mailbox, and left the scene. An officer located the vehicle and exchanged the driver's information with the homeowner who did not wish to pursue charges.

## 435 Maple Avenue, West 22-006669 June 29 8:55 p.m.

Vehicle-1 was exiting the Wawa parking lot. Pedestrian-1 was in a power wheelchair traveling eastbound on the sidewalk that crosses the parking lot. Vehicle-1 was beginning to enter Maple Avenue when he saw the pedestrian and attempted to stop but made contact with the wheelchair causing it to fall over.

## 300 Block Niblick Drive, SE 22-006709 June 30 2:15 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Niblick Drive when it struck a flatbed trailer that was parked on the side of the road. The trailer was pushed into the front yard of a residence.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

## **300 Block Maple Avenue, East 22-006712 June 30 4:00 p.m.**

Two vehicles were traveling westbound in adjacent lanes. Vehicle-1 attempted to move from the left lane into the right lane and struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at Ruth.Rohr@viennava.gov or 703-255-6324.

## **CITIZEN NOTES**



## Week of July 04th

- Complete all eaves in the east and south area
- Complete the installation of fascia on eaves
- Continue painting the first and second levels
- Install LVT on the first and second floor
- Complete hanging ACT ceiling on the second floors
- Complete installing the glass for W2 windows.
- Finish seal concrete floor at the Sally Port
- Continue to work on the IT room on the first and second floors
- Elevator final inspection.
- Complete polish concrete on the first floor level
- Mill and overlay Bowman's House parking lot
- Install striping and signs on the parking lot area
- Start the installation of security gates
- Removed construction fence

## Week of July 11th

- Complete all eaves in the east and south area
- Complete installing fascia on eaves
- Continue painting the first and second levels
- Complete install LVT on the first and second floor
- State elevator inspection
- Fire alarm testing and inspections
- Continue to work on the IT room on the first and second floors
- Work on punch list on first and basement level
- Complete the installation of security gates

\*\*As we move forward with the new facility's construction, Chief Morris is committed to keeping the Vienna community informed and involved in the process. A link has also been established on the Town of Vienna website (<a href="https://vienna.prod.govaccess.org/your-government/town-departments-at-your-service/police/police-station-construction/-fsiteid-1">https://vienna.prod.govaccess.org/your-government/town-departments-at-your-service/police/police-station-construction/-fsiteid-1</a>) for your information.



# Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

#### **Town of Vienna Police Department Arrests Robbery Suspects**







Ilon Edward Coles-Melson

On April 9, 2022, a Vienna citizen reported an armed robbery in the 300 block of Cabin Road SE. According to the victim, he was robbed at gunpoint and the unknown suspects fled the area immediately after the robbery. A lengthy investigation followed, which included assistance from residents who provided security camera footage, interviews, photo lineups, search warrants, and electronic data that helped identify Damond Albert Brown and Ilon Edward Coles Melson, both of Washington, DC, as suspects in the case. On June 6, 2022, Vienna Detectives obtained arrest warrants charging Mr. Brown and Mr. Melson with armed Robbery. On June 22, 2022, members of the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department, with assistance from Vienna police detectives, took Mr. Brown into custody. During the search of Mr. Brown's residence, a fully loaded firearm was located on the bed where he had been sleeping. On June 28, 2022, members of the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department, with assistance from Vienna police detectives, took Mr. Melson into custody.

Mr. Melson was extradited to the Commonwealth of Virginia on June 29, 2022. Mr. Brown is currently awaiting extradition to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For Further Information please contact
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# Vienna Police Department INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## BURGLARY

These two suspects were involved in a burglary and unlawful entry that occurred in the 200 block of Dominion Road NE on December 26, 2021.







Suspect 2

If you recognize these suspects or have any information, please contact Det. Marcos Herrera, Marcos.Herrera@viennava.gov, (703) 255-7821, reference case number 2021-7988

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January 18, 2022



# Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release Warning: McAfee Scam Email

Detectives with the Vienna Police Department are investigating two separate scam incidents related to a "McAfee Antivirus" email. Detectives advised that the scam usually begins with an email that purports to be from McAfee informing citizens that they are being charged \$300 for "McAfee Total Protection anti-virus software" unless they cancel the order by calling a phone number provided in the email. If you call the number provided, you will be greeted by a scammer posing as a McAfee employee who will ask for personal information, including a bank account number supposedly to verify the account. After receiving the personal information, the scammer will request a wire transfer of funds which will be nearly impossible to reverse once it is completed. The Vienna Police Department provides the following guidelines for spotting and avoiding a "phishing" email:

- 1) Always check the sender's email. Phishing emails may look like they are from a legitimate company you trust. Most of the time, you can tell it is a phishing scam if the sender's email address consists of random numbers and letters. If you are unsure, research the email of the company.
- 2) Look for spelling and grammatical errors. Phishing emails tend to have multiple spelling and grammatical errors in them.
- 3) Phishing emails will attempt to trick you through a sense of urgency in order to click on a link or open an attachment. You can inspect the link by hovering the mouse over it without clicking on it—only open attachments from trusted and verified sources.
- 4) Phishing emails may trick you by saying:
  - a. They've noticed suspicious activity or login attempts
  - b. Claim there are account problems or problems with payment information
  - c. Ask to confirm personal information
  - d. Attach fake invoices
  - e. Provide a link to allow for a payment
  - f. Threaten to arrest
  - g. Offer money or free items

If you feel you have fallen victim to a phishing scam, please call the police non-emergency number, 703-255-6366, to report it. You can also report phishing emails to your email provider or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) using their website. Useful links containing phishing email examples, how to avoid phishing emails, and FTC reporting procedures are attached below:

https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams

https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/online-security

For further information please contact:

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